

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Old Hall Green, Puckeridge & Buntingford

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

12 May 2024

Mass Times for the Week commencing 11-19 May 2024

All Masses will take place in the
parish church of
St Richard of Chichester,
Buntingford.

Saturday 11 May 2024

Vigil Mass Seventh Sunday of Easter

6.00pm: The People of the
Parish

Sunday 12 May 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.15am: The People of the Parish

11.00am: Frances Rose Intention

12.15pm: First Holy Communion Prep

Saturday 18 May 2024

Vigil Mass Pentecost Sunday

6.00pm: The People of the Parish

Sunday 19 May 2024

Pentecost Sunday

9.15am: The People of the Parish

11.00am: The People of the Parish

12.15pm: First Holy Communion Prep

ST RICHARD'S FEAST DAY



The feast day of St Richard has been moved from 3rd April because it falls during Eastertide and is instead celebrated on 16th June. As 16th June this year is Father's Day, we would like to mark his feast this year a week later on Sunday 23rd June with a special mass and a picnic in the church grounds.

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

The first World Children's Day will take place 25-26 May between two symbolic places of the city of Rome: St. Peter's Square and the Olympic Stadium. Information and registration details www.worldchildrenday.org/registration/form/



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—Please pray for our eight children who are making their final preparations for their first Holy Communion. They will receive communion for the first time at the 11.00 am Mass on Sunday 26 May.

CONTACT DETAILS— It would be useful for Deacon Paul to have the contact details of those willing to offer help and support to our parish. There will be an opportunity to share your details after masses over the next weekends. These details will be used for church purposes only and we will follow all GDPR protocols

MASS INTENTIONS—If you have previously booked a mass intention, or would like a mass offered for an intention, please write the details on an envelope along with your offering and hand it in at the sacristy after mass

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS—Please join us in the Benson Hall for tea and coffee after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday or come early if you attend the 11am Mass. Thank you to everyone who kindly gives their time to make this happen each week.

SACRAMENTS— If you, or your children, would like to receive the sacraments of baptism, first holy communion, or confirmation, please speak to Deacon Paul after mass today about how we can help you to prepare to do so.

VOCATIONS COME AND SEE—Whether you are interested in exploring the Priesthood or Permanent Diaconate, you are invited to come along to one of our 'Come & See' Vocations Mornings on Saturday 1 June, 10am-2pm at Our Lady's Hall (the undercroft) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden AL5 2DB . Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and register your attendance at one of the days, please contact: Canon Roger Taylor - Vocations Promoter by email at: robertaylor@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Adrian Cullen - Director Permanent Diaconate adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk 07961 594725

ACT NOW TO STOP DIY ABORTION UP TO BIRTH—MPs Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have both tabled amendments to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill that would decriminalise abortion. In different ways, they would essentially legalise DIY abortion up to birth, for any reason. Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose these extreme and barbaric proposals. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments>. The Bill will be debated on 15 May, so please contact your MP NOW. Please pray for the defeat of these amendments, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

RETRouvaille – Do you need in your marriage? Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidential for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk/

A Prayer Offering to the Holy Child.

O Dear, sweet Infant Jesus. I offer You: my will, that You strengthen it; my mind, that You inspire it; my memory, that You fill it; my wishes and desires, that You cleanse them. I sacrifice to You: my intentions, that You guide them; my trouble and my labour, that You bless them; all my inner and outer activities, that You make them sacred. All I am and all I have is Yours. Your love for me is my hope and my trust. Hear me and grant that I may never leave You.

Amen